



**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Regular Meetings: The First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified just below.

MEETING LOCATION Board Chambers, 2nd Fl., County Courthouse, 278 Main St., Bridgeport, CA 93517

**Regular Meeting
May 5, 2020**

9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Corless.

*Supervisors Present: Corless, Gardner, Kreitz, Peters, and Stump (all via zoom webinar).
Supervisors Absent: None.*

All votes were conducted by roll call.

The Mono County Board of Supervisors stream most of their meetings live on the internet and archives them afterward. To search for a meeting from June 2, 2015 forward, please go to the following link: <http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/meetings>.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Kreitz.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Mono County Designation of May as Mental Health Month

Departments: Behavioral Health, Board of Supervisors

(Robin K. Roberts, Supervisor Stacy Corless) - Proposed resolution designating May 2020 as Mental Health Month.

Action: Adopt proposed resolution R20-42, designating May 2020 as Mental Health Month.

Kreitz moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R20-42

Robin Roberts:

- Gave overview of item and information about Mental Health month.

Supervisor Corless:

- Read the resolution into the record and presented to Robin.

General Board Comments.

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding work activities.

Bob Lawton (Acting CAO):

- Worked with Kathy Peterson on rental relief funding in county; working to bring Mammoth Lakes Housing into mix to administrate it. Thanked Supervisor Kreitz and Kathy Peterson for their work on this. Gave details on potential dollar amounts. Will have positive impact on many residents.
- Thanked Janet and Megan Mahaffy for teaching him ins/outs of county budget.
- Meeting with Trindel and Jay Sloane regarding overview of services they provide with county.
- There has been a lot of work with Unified Command and EOC on working toward reopening the county and what we will need to do in order to do this. EOC worked on and sent a reopening plan to the Governor as the Governor requested.
- Meeting with Nate Greenberg regarding technical resources and how we will continue applying them and catching up on transition of moving to Civic Center.
- Letter out Monday from CAO across state urging Governor to distribute money in CARES funding to counties with populations of under 500,000.

4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS

Joe Blanchard:

- Gave briefing on recent power outage in Bridgeport and the services Public Works provide with generators and other work.
- Supervisor Peters: gave kudos to workers and commended everyone being safe under extreme stress.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

(All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved on one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item.)

A. Comment Letter on Department of Water Resources Approval of Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Departments: County Counsel's Office, Community Development Department

Comment letter on the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority's Groundwater Sustainability Plan and submission to the California Department of Water Resources.

Action: Approve comment letter; authorize the Board Chair to sign; direct staff to submit the comment letter to DWR by the comment period deadline.

Gardner moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M20-77

Pulled by Supervisor Stump:

- Thanked Jason Canger for writing a great letter. We need to continue to follow this.

B. Infectious Disease Prevention and Control Local Infrastructure Grant Agreement #19-10851

Departments: Public Health

Proposed grant agreement with the California Department of Public Health pertaining to Infectious Disease Prevention and Control Local Infrastructure Grant Agreement #19-10851.

Action: Approve County entry into the Infectious Disease Prevention and Control Local Infrastructure Grant Agreement #19-10851, and authorize the Board of Supervisors' Chairperson to execute said contract on behalf of the County by signing the following documents: Two (2) copies of the Grant Agreement Form CDPH 1229 (page 3) One (1) copy of the CCC 042017 Additionally, provide authorization for the Public Health Director to sign future amendments for Grant Agreement #19-10851 that shift funds between budget categories without changes to the grant allocation.

Gardner moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M20-78

C. Monthly Treasury Transaction Report

Departments: Finance

Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 3/31/2020.

Action: Approve the Treasury Transaction Report for the month ending 3/31/2020.

Gardner moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M20-79

D. Quarterly Investment Report

Departments: Finance

Investment Report for the Quarter ending 3/31/2020.

Action: Approve the Investment Report for the Quarter ending 3/31/2020.

Gardner moved; Kreitz seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M20-80

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.

A. Notice of Temporary Urgency Change Petition to Walker River Irrigation District Bridgeport and Topaz Reservoir Water Rights to Implement the Walker River Restoration Program

State Water Resources Control Board notice of Walker River Irrigation District's temporary urgency change petition related to storage water rights in Bridgeport and Topaz to facilitate implementation of the Walker River Restoration Program.

Supervisor Peters:

- Confirm with County Counsel that this is something done annually, correct? Wants to make sure public knows this.

Stacey Simon:

- Part of three-year program; by doing it annually they avoid review under CEQA or NEPA.

B. Notices of Mass Reduction in Hours Caused by Covid-19

Notices of mass reduction in hours caused by Covid-19 from Mammoth Mountain Ski Areas, LLC and Intrawest Hospitality Management, LLC regarding Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, June Mountain Ski Area, and affiliated properties in Mammoth Lakes and June Lake, CA, and the Westin Monache Resort in Mammoth Lakes, CA, respectively.

C. Assemblymember Bigelow Letter to CPUC re: PSPS Events During the Election

A letter from Assemblyman Frank Bigelow and Mono County Board of Supervisors Chair Stacy Corless to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) urging it to direct electrical corporations to protect elections from PSPS-related complications.

Supervisor Corless:

- Thanked Assembly Member Bigelow and RCRC for working on this letter to CPUC regarding potential negative impacts to elections because of PSPS shutoffs; appreciates their continued attention to this.

D. Inquiry from Fair Harbor Capital Regarding Purchase of County Liabilities of Frontier Communications, Inc.

Letter from Fair Harbor Capital inquiring about the purchase from the County of any debts/liabilities of Frontier Communications, Inc. for 52% of value. Currently, Frontier Communications, Inc. has no outstanding debts/liabilities with the County and, therefore, no response will be provided.

E. Notice from the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding the Bacteria Water Quality Objectives Evaluation Project

A notice from the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding the Bacteria Water Quality Objectives Evaluation Project.

Staff are seeking input regarding meeting formats to discuss the project and ways to share information with interested parties in light of the shelter-in-place orders that are in effect. The notice contains a link to a 4-minute survey. Your responses to the survey will help determine the format of project meetings while shelter-in-place orders remain active. The survey is also accessible at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GNM3R9C>. Responses are required by May 15, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

F. Mono County Counsel Letter to SCE Regarding May 2020 Maintenance and Repairs of Lundy Hydropower Plant

A letter from the Mono County Counsel's Office to Southern California Edison (SCE) to express concern with SCE's plan to performance maintenance and repairs to parts of its Lundy Hydropower Plant during most of May 2020, and to request that the work be postponed.

Supervisor Stump:

- Recognized Jason Canger for excellent work on letter.
- SCE has modified their proposal in that area.

Stacey Simon:

- Thanked Jason as well; he's been very busy, and the fruits of his labor are now being shown. She appreciates all his work.

7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

A. Update on Long Valley/Little Round Valley 2020 Irrigation Season and Letter to LADWP regarding Long Term Land and Water Management Plan

Departments: Board of Supervisors

(Miscellaneous) - Discussion and update regarding 2020 irrigation season in Long Valley and Little Round Valley, including environmental conditions, habitat, ranch operations, scenic and recreational resources, fire conditions and related matters. Proposed letter to Los Angeles Department of Water and Power requesting status of Comprehensive Land Use and Water Management Plan for the region.

Action: Approve proposed letter to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power inquiring as to its progress in preparing Comprehensive Land Use and Water Management Plan for Long Valley and Little Round Valley.

Stump moved; Peters seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

M20-81

Supervisor Corless:

- Gave overview of item and explained why it is on the agenda; here to approve a letter.

Stacey Simon:

- Mono County has not been involved in this to make anyone look or feel bad or to be greedy or to ask for more than is needed to maintain the bare minimum values: habitat, ecosystems, wildlife, the economic value.
- Gave legal update.

Wendy Sugimura:

- She doesn't have much to say as her department's part in all this is relatively small; they're working on Sage Grouse issue.

Public Comments:

Matt Kemp (President of Inyo/Mono Cattleman's Association):

- Gave brief update on operations; feels he wouldn't be in the position he's in today without group effort. Cautiously optimistic moving forward.

Wendy Schneider (Friends of the Inyo):

- Update on what Keep Long Valley Green campaign is doing and will answer questions.

Matty McClain (Executive Director Mammoth Lakes Recreation):

- Gives credit to DWP where appropriate but we need to keep foot on the gas.
- Need to let them know that we intend to see this action all the way through.

Lynn Boulton:

- Supports letter; strikes a good tone.

Charlotte Lang:

- Wants to become part of coalition
- Proud of all work everyone has been done and is in total support of letter.

Supervisors asked various question followed by Board deliberation and discussion of letter.

B. Memorandum of Understanding and Related Personnel Rule 330(C) Amendment - Mono County Probation Officers Association

Departments: CAO, Human Resources, County Counsel

(Dave Butters) - Proposed resolution R20-43 approving and adopting Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Mono and the Mono County Probation Officers Association and related proposed resolution R20-44 amending Personnel Rule 330(C) to clarify provisions regarding employee leave for volunteer firefighting purposes.

Action: Adopt proposed resolutions.

Peters moved; Gardner seconded

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no

R20-43

R20-44

Dave Butters:

- Introduced item, explained recommended actions being put before the board.
- Went over highlights.

Erin Van Kampen (Mono County Probation):

- Thanked Board and administration for how smooth this went.

C. Mono County Audit Reports for FY 2018-19

Departments: Finance

(Janet Dutcher) - Presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the Single Audit Report.

Action: None.

Janet Dutcher:

- Power Point Presentation (posted to web page).

General Board comments and discussion.

D. FY 2020-21 Budget Update

Departments: Finance and CAO

(Janet Dutcher) - CAO and Finance will update the Board about the FY 2020-21 budget development process.

Action: None.

Janet Dutcher:

- Still currently in development phase for the next three weeks.
- Estimating that Revenues are going to fall about \$1 million dollars.
- June 3rd – Budget Training for Department Heads and fiscal staff.

Board Comments:

- Everyone appreciates the outreach projections.
- Discussed potential COVID-19 funding sources that might become available but agreed that those should not be counted on yet.
- Agreed with a balanced approach with reserves; should not be drained.

Bob Lawton (Acting CAO):

- Spoke about various things that affect cash flow.

E. Civic Center Update

Departments: Public Works and IT

(Tony Dublino, Director of Public Works; Nate Greenberg, IT Director) - Weekly update on the County's Civic Center project at 1290 Tavern Road, and efforts to transition from other Mammoth locations into the Civic Center as of June 1, 2020.

Action: None.

Nate Greenberg (IT Director) and Tony Dublino (Public Works Director):

- Both gave video tour of civic center and various updates.

General questions and comments from Board.

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session: 12:26 p.m.

Reconvene: 1:34 p.m.

There was nothing to report out of closed session; the Board will go back into Closed Session after the COVID-19 update.

A. Closed Session - Human Resources

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Steve

Barwick, Stacey Simon, Dave Butters, Janet Dutcher, and Anne Larsen. Employee Organization(s): Mono County Sheriff's Officers Association (aka Deputy Sheriff's Association), Local 39 - majority representative of Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) and Deputy Probation Officers Unit (DPOU), Mono County Paramedic Rescue Association (PARA), Mono County Public Safety Officers Association (PSO). Unrepresented employees: All.

B. Closed Session - Public Employment

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer.

C. Closed Session - Exposure to Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: two.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL RECONVENE AT 1:30 P.M.

10. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

11. REGULAR AGENDA - AFTERNOON

A. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Departments: CAO

(Bob Lawton, Acting CAO) - An opportunity for Mono County Departments and stakeholders to share Coronavirus-related issues with the Board, to include, but not limited to, an update from Unified Command and the branches of crisis response such as the Public Health Department, Operations /Emergency Services, Community Support, Communications / Public Information, Economic Recovery, and Recreation. Additional specific topics include, but are not limited to: (1) The path forward - opening Mono County; (2) Letter to Governor regarding a careful and phased reopening plan that takes into account the unique circumstances of different regions of the State and the impacts of a prolonged shutdown (samples attached); and (3) County road operations/openings in light of COVID-19.

Action: None.

Comments made by:

- Bob Lawton, Acting CAO
- Frank Frievalt
- Dr. Thomas Boo
- Stacey Simon, County Counsel

Public Comments Addressed to Board by:

- Greg Bock
- Kellie Brown
- Scott Burkard
- Ron Day
- Colleen Julian

Board clerk read public comments into the record (copies of letter in their entirety will be posted to the web page) by the following individuals:

- Misti Sullivan
- Ken Hoffman/Ray Robles
- Claudine Bovich
- David Naaden
- Meghan Weill
- Erinn Wells
- Lynne Greer
- Alicia Vennos

General Board questions/comments/discussion.

Document: EOC Executive Summary of Readiness to Enter Stage II discussed and will be posted to web page after the meeting.

Back to closed session: 4:00 p.m.

Reconvene 4:55 p.m., nothing to report.

12. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

There were no board member reports for this meeting.

ADJOURN 4:56 p.m.

ATTEST

**STACY CORLESS
CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

**SHANNON KENDALL
CLERK OF THE BOARD**